

BELLINGHAM BAY - Central Waterfront Site



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Interim cleanup activity proposed at Central Waterfront site

Ecology is announcing a public comment period about environmental cleanup on a portion of the state-designated Central Waterfront cleanup site.

The cleanup work will include isolation or removal of contaminated soil in certain areas of the 55-acre cleanup site, as a result of Port of Bellingham development activities to support marine trades. The Port plans to construct a new building with a landfill gas extraction system west of Roeder Ave. at Hilton Ave. The Port also plans to implement roadway, infrastructure, and storm-water improvements in the area of The Landings at Colony Wharf on C St. The construction will include moving a large pile of clean soil (shown in the photo) to the Cornwall Avenue Landfill site, for intended use as part of the future cleanup of that site.

Because the cleanup activities are only addressing a portion of the site, the work is called an Interim Action. Final cleanup of the entire site will come in the future, following completion of a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) report and a cleanup action plan (see chart on page 2 for more detail).

The RI/FS—which will be available for public review later this year—found landfill debris, landfill gases, metals and petroleum related compounds resulting from past industrial activities including: a municipal landfill, rock-crushing plant, boatyard, and a bulk fuel storage and distribution facility.

The RI/FS also considers cleanup methods. The Interim Action is expected to be consistent with the future final cleanup action for the site.

A work plan for the interim cleanup activities will be available for public review and comment March 14-April 12. Ecology will also host a public meeting to provide more information:

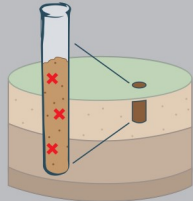
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Ecology will respond in writing to all comments received and may make changes to the documents as a result.

The Cleanup Process

Central Waterfront's cleanup must follow the Washington State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup regulations, which consists of a standard process. Currently, the project is undergoing an Interim Action.

Remedial Investigation



A Remedial Investigation defines the nature, extent, and magnitude of pollution at a site in order to identify the best method for cleanup.

Interim Action

An interim action occurs when there is a remedial action that partially addresses the cleanup of a site.

In this case, the Port plans to construct a new building with a landfill gas extraction system, and implement roadway, infrastructure, and stormwater improvements in the area. These activities will address cleanup for a portion of the site.

Feasibility Study



A Feasibility Study takes the information from the Remedial Investigation to identify and evaluate cleanup alternatives. Then an optimal alternative will be selected and incorporated into the Cleanup Action Plan.

Cleanup Action Plan



The Cleanup Action Plan specifies cleanup standards, methods, and schedule, describes the steps to be taken, and includes any additional environmental monitoring required during and after the cleanup.

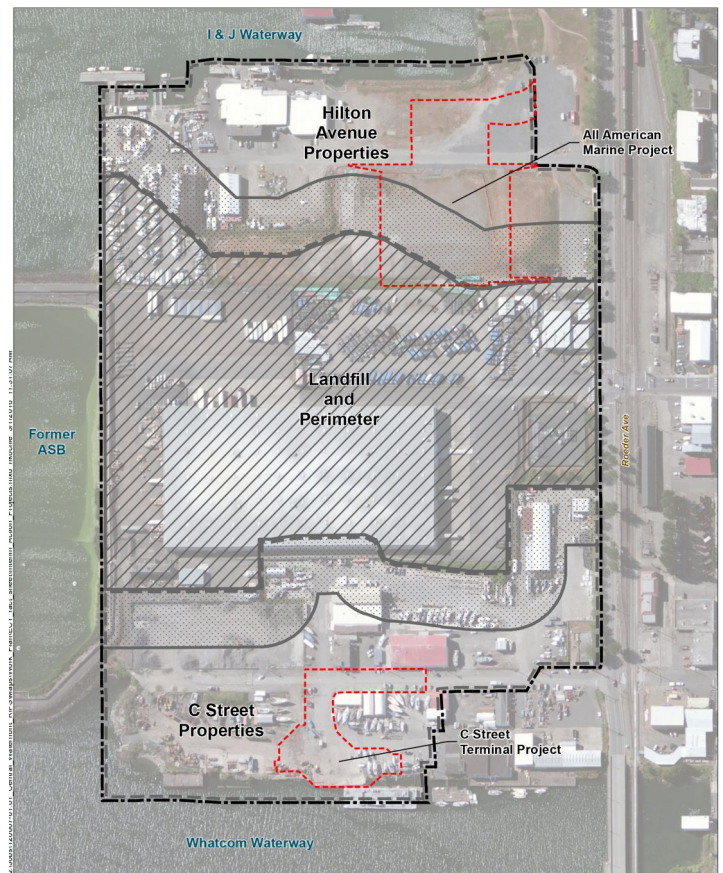
Cleanup & Monitoring



Implementation of the Cleanup Action Plan includes design, construction, and monitoring.

Public comment periods are held at key points throughout the cleanup process.

Public Comment Notice



¿QUE ESTÁ PASANDO EN EL SITIO DEL MALECON CENTRAL DE BELLINGHAM?

Para apoyar el comercio marítimo, el Puerto de Bellingham planifica la construcción de un nuevo edificio y hacer otros mejoramientos en el sitio contaminado (una designación estatal) del Malecón Central de Bellingham.

Este trabajo resultará en el aislamiento o remoción de tierra contaminada en varias áreas del sitio contaminado.

El Puerto también planifica la transferencia de un montón de tierra limpia almacenada en el sitio del Malecón Central de Bellingham al sitio del Relleno Sanitario de la Avenida Cornwall.

Un plan de trabajo para estas actividades de limpieza estará disponible para examinación pública empezando el 14 de marzo. Ecología aceptará comentarios sobre el plan de trabajo desde el 14 de marzo al 12 de abril de 2016.

Ecología tendrá una reunión pública para dar más información sobre las actividades de limpieza. Por favor únete con nosotros:

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Join us at a meeting to discuss environmental cleanup



Public Meeting

Ecology is hosting a public meeting to provide information about cleanup activities at the Central Avenue state-designated cleanup site.

The cleanup activities will include isolation or removal of contaminated soil in certain areas of the 55-acre cleanup site.

Please join us to learn more.

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